

The Society for Investigative Dermatology and the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*: 75 Years Young

The year 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of two simultaneous events: the founding of the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) and the establishment of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology (JID)*. As noted in this issue's Editorial by Secretary-Treasurers Russell P. Hall and Alice P. Pentland, and President Kim B. Yancey, the Society and *JID* did not spring up as if by magic, but rather through concerted and sustained efforts from a relatively small but dedicated group of investigation-inclined dermatologists. The founders possessed all the qualities required for success: vision, intelligence, dedication, and energy. We honor them for having the courage to move forward, and we honor all who followed for having made this celebration possible.

Celebrating the milestone anniversaries of two such considerable events cannot take place as most anniversary celebrations do, on a single day in a single location; rather, we will celebrate throughout the year, in different locations and on the pages of *JID*. Accompanying this regular March issue, readers will find a special issue that highlights recent achievements in dermatologic science. In addition to scientific achievement, it includes articles that address the roles of

patients, who are central to the work of investigators, and funding agencies, which make it all possible.

An Editorial at the beginning of this special issue sets the stage, and it also introduces the important roles that the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) has played since 1976. We invite all members of the SID and the ESDR and all interested parties to attend the SID's Annual Meeting, which will take place in Raleigh, North Carolina, 9–12 May 2012. Features of historical consequence will be displayed at the Annual Meeting, and the history committee has been busily preparing for the event. Finally, I remind readers that the cover illustrations throughout the 2012 volume celebrate classic, highly regarded articles that have been published in *JID* over the past 25 years. An Editorial by David Bickers and me in the January issue explained the rationale for highlighting images from those articles.

We invite readers to celebrate, to sense the momentum of scientific achievement, and to dream of what they want to achieve and celebrate in the centennial year, 2037.

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